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SUBJECT: TEXTILES: REVIEW OF RESTRAINTS ON NYLON AND RAYON
FABRIC EXPORTS TO CANADA.

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B. BUCHANAN/DENNY-BROSN (COMMERCE) TELCON OF SEPT. 11

1. REVIEW BY TEXTILE AND CLOTHING BOARD (TCB) OF RESTRAINT
ARRANGEMENTS ON EXPORTS TO CANADA OF NYLON AND FILAMENT RAYON
FABRICS STIMULATED BY JAPANESE REQUEST TO REMOVE LONG-
STANDING RESTRAINT ON NYLON. TCB CHOSEN TO MAKE REVIEW BECAUSE
BOARD IS "INDEPENDENT" AND THEREFORE DECISION MORE SUSCEPTIBLE
TO JAPANESE ACCEPTANCE, ACCORDING TO INDUSTRY, TRADE & COMMERCE
(ITC) OFFICIAL. SIMILAR RESTRAINT BY SOUTH KOREA WILL ALSO
BE EXAMINED.

2. OTHER EXISTING RESTRAINTS TO BE REVIEWED ARE AS FOLLOWS:

(A) POLAND (PUBLIC AGREEMENT, PRIMARILY ON FILAMENT RAYON
LINING FABRICS).

(B) INDIA (CONFIDENTIAL, RAYON, SPECIAL PRICE PROVISIONS).

(C) CZECHOSLOVAKIA (CONFIDENTIAL, RAYON).

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(D) HUNGARY (CONFIDENTIAL, RAYON).

(E) PRC (PUBLIC, FABRICS WHOLLY OR SUBSTANTIALLY OF MAN-
MADE FABRICS, INCLUDING NYLON AND RAYON).

3. REVIEW BY TCB OF ABOVE "LOW COST" COUNTRY ARRANGEMENTS
WILL FOCUS ON NEED TO CONTINUE, MODIFY, OR DROP THE
RESTRAINTS. FINAL REPORT WILL BY NECESSITY MAKE CONFIDENTIAL
ARRANGEMENTS PUBLIC. ONLY LEVELS OF IMPORTS UNDER CONFIDENTIAL
AGREEMENTS ARE PRESENTLY KNOWN TO CANADIAN MANUFACTURERS.

4. ITC ADVISES EMBOFF THAT US EXPORTS, BEING HIGH COST, ARE
NOT RPT NOT AFFECTED IN ANY WAY BY TCB REVIEW.
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